

House Resolution No. 149

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Harold J. Blades will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninety-fourth Birthday with a special celebration on February 20, 2004, at the Republic Senior Center; and

Whereas, on February 24, 1910, in Missouri's Greene County, God brought a special gift to James "Big Jim" and Lummy Blades with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Harold, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Harold Blades will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to his sweetheart, Vesta, and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Harold Blades with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Vesta Blades; four children, Bobby James Blades, Mary Marlene Adams, Buddy Dale Blades (deceased), and Rex Randall Blades; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Harold Blades provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as a farmer and gas station owner; and

Whereas, Harold Blades has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, some of which include being a member of a dance club and playing cards, pool, and bingo:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Harold Blades at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Harold J. Blades, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 149, adopted January 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker